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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the opening of the Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fishery, during the times and in the areas listed below, beginning on Sunday, June 23, 2013.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 23, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 27,** with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point located at the southern entrance of Edwards Passage.

District 6: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 25,** with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed north and east of a line from Mariposa Rock Buoy to the northernmost tip of Point Harrington, to a point on Etolin Island at 56°09.60' N. latitude, 132°42.70' W. longitude, to the southernmost tip of Point Stanhope and south of a line from Point Stanhope to Luck Point.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 25,** with the following restrictions:

Beacon Point/Point Frederick Area: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed west of a line from the District 10 boundary one nautical mile off the Kupreanof Island shoreline to Sukoi Island Light to Point Frederick;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River will be closed north and west of a line from Babbler Point to Hour Point along the shore of Wrangell Island to Point Highfield to the southern end of Liesnoi Island to the southern end of Greys Island to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough to the nearest point of Mitkof Island, and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island to the northern end of Coney Island to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 23, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 26**, with the following restrictions:

Taku Inlet: waters of Taku Inlet will be closed north of the latitude of Jaw Point at 58°16.80' N. latitude;

Port Snettisham: waters of Port Snettisham will be closed east of a line from Point Styleman to Point Anmer.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 23, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 26**, in the waters of Lynn Canal west of a line beginning at a point within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal at the latitude of Point Sherman, to Eldred Rock Light, to the southernmost tip of Talsani Island, to the northernmost tip of Talsani Island, to Seduction Point, with the following restriction:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Seduction Point.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 23, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 26**, in those waters within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Danger Point at 58°41.73' N. latitude and in all remaining waters of Section 15-C south of the latitude of Point Bridget.

Section 15-C: (Boat Harbor terminal harvest area): will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 23, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 26**, in those waters within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal from the latitude of Danger Point at 58°41.73' N. latitude and until further notice in those waters of the Boat Harbor terminal harvest area west of a department marker at the entrance to Boat Harbor.

Fishermen and tenders are asked to keep king salmon harvested in the Anita Bay THA separate from those harvested in District 8. Separating these harvests will greatly assist in fish accounting purposes in regards to the Pacific Salmon Treaty.

King salmon less than 28" that are harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. King salmon less than 28" in length, and those of Alaska hatchery origin, will not be counted against the Alaskan allocation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty harvest. The department discontinued the use of species code 411 beginning in 2012 to account for small king salmon in drift gillnet fisheries and instead will rely on ADF&G port sampling programs for that purpose. For drift gillnet fisheries, only species code 410 should be used to report king salmon of all sizes. Fish and Game samplers working at the processing facilities will also identify hatchery-reared king salmon so those fish are not counted against the Alaskan share of the harvest.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S1413.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 25 (June 16 through 22)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled June 20, 2013

District	NUMBER OF SALMON						Boats	Days Open
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total		
Section 1-B	500	6,000	1,000	100	10,000	17,600	55	4
Section 11-B	450	2,400	0	0	10,000	12,850	30	2
District 6	350	2,800	2,500	800	2,500	8,950	30	2
District 8	3,000	1,500	200	0	200	4,900	50	2
Deep Inlet THA	1,050	0	0	0	5,700	6,750	21	3
District 15	140	1,700	10	10	45,000	46,860	135	2
Total	5,490	14,400	3,710	910	73,400	97,910		

District	FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD					
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
Section 1-B	9	109	18	2	182	320
Section 11-B	15	80	0	0	333	428
District 6	12	93	83	27	83	298
District 8	60	30	4	0	4	98
Deep Inlet THA	50	0	0	0	271	321
District 15	1	13	0	0	333	347

Anita Bay THA: 7,000 kings harvested to date.

Nakat Inlet THA: confidential.

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